

REMARKS

Claims 26-33 are pending in this application. Claims 26-29 and 31-33 have been amended.

Claims 26-33 stand objected to based on informalities outlined in the Office Action. Applicant respectfully submits that in light of the current amendments to claims 26-29 and 31-33, the objections are now moot. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the objections.

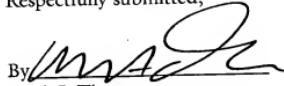
Claims 26-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicant respectfully submits that in light of the current amendments to claims 26-29 and 31-33, the rejection is now moot. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection.

Claims 26-33 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-10 and 20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,654,041. In response to this rejection, Applicant's undersigned representatives concurrently file a Terminal Disclaimer.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims 26-33 in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,



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